



INTRODUCTION TO A BIBLICAL MESSIANIC WORLDVIEW

Tisha B'Av

Tisha B'Av, the 9th of the Hebrew month of Av, is a day for remembering the persecution of the Jewish people. According to Jewish tradition, numerous devastating events in Israel's history happened around this time. Throughout history Satan has tried to destroy GOD's chosen people but he has not been successful. We thank GOD for His mercy, protection, and faithfulness to the Jewish people while we grieve the atrocities that have been committed against them. As you read through these events, we encourage you to pray for the salvation of the Jewish people and for GOD's continued protection over them. We also encourage you to ask the LORD if you need to repent for any antisemitic or anti-Jewish history in your life or the life of your family.

- **1313 BC** – According to the ancient rabbis, the 12 spies return from the land of Canaan on the eighth day of Av and report that the land is unconquerable. That night, the 9th of Av, the people cry. The sin is speaking evil of the land of Israel and the people's accepting —“hearing”—the evil tongue. They insist that they would rather go back to Egypt than be slaughtered by the Canaanites. GOD is highly displeased by this public disobedience and distrust in His power, and consequently that generation of Israelites never enters the Holy Land. Only their children have that privilege after wandering in the wilderness for another 38 years (Numbers 13-14).
 - Numbers 13:20b – “It was the season for the first ripe grapes.”
- **586 BC** – Solomon's Temple is destroyed by the Babylonians and approximately 100,000 Jews are killed and the rest of the southern Kingdom is exiled to Babylon and Persia.
- **70 AD** – Herod's Temple and Jerusalem are destroyed by the Romans led by Titus. Possibly more than 2,500,000 Jews died as a result of war, famine and disease and more than 1,000,000 Jews were sold as slaves by Rome or were killed and tortured in gladiatorial games and pagan celebrations.



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- **132 AD** – Bar Kokhba’s fortress, Betar, fell to the Romans, ending his revolt. The Romans tortured and killed Rabbi Akiva, a whole generation of religious leaders, and 100,000 Jews.
- **133 AD** – Roman Emperor Hadrian established a temple to Jupiter on the site of the Jewish Temple and rebuilt Jerusalem as a pagan city, which was renamed Aelia Capitolina. The Jews were banished from Jerusalem for 100 years. Hadrian also changed the name of the region from Israel to Palestine to spite the Jews by naming it after their ancient rivals, the Philistines.
- **1095 AD** – First Crusade is declared by Pope Urban II. 10,000 Jews were killed in the first month. The Crusades brought death and destruction to thousands of Jews and totally obliterated many communities in the Rhineland and France.
- **1290 AD** – The Edict of Expulsion of Jews from England by King Edward I “Longshanks” Plantagenet was accompanied by pogroms and confiscation of books and property. The Jews were given until All Saints Day, November 1st to leave England.
- **1306 AD** – King Phillip the “Fair” of France expels all Jewish people without giving any prior warning in order to plunder their assets.
- **1492 AD** – The “Golden Age” in Spain results in the Inquisition and edict of expulsion signed on March 31, 1492. The Jews were given exactly four months to put their affairs in order and leave the country. On Tisha B’Av, the Jews were banished from Spain where they had enjoyed welcome and prosperity.
- **1648 AD** – The Cossack rebellion led by Bohdan Chmelnicky massacred approximately 100,000 Polish Jews and 300 Jewish communities.



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- **1626 AD** – The birth of Shabtai Tsvi—a very influential false and apostate Messiah that when captured by the Muslims eventually converts to Islam.
- **1882 AD** – The pogroms against Russian Jews began.
- **1914 AD** – World War I began with the declaration of war on Germany by Britain and Russia. Russia began the systematic persecution of their Jewish communities.
 - The consequences of World War I ultimately led to World War II and the Holocaust.
- **1941 AD** – German SS commander Heinrich Himmler formally presented his “Final Solution” plan to the Nazi Party. The genocide would lead to the murder of 6 million Jews in Europe.
 - In WWII, 75% of all the world’s Jewry lived in war zones. Jews fought in armies of all sides, with more than 120,000 Jewish casualties.
 - More than 400 additional pogroms began immediately following WWII in Hungary, Ukraine, Poland and Russia.
- **1942 AD** – Deportations from the Warsaw Ghetto to the Treblinka death camp began, and the first murders started there.
- **1994 AD** – The Jewish community center in Buenos Aires was bombed, killing 86 and wounding 300 others (10th Av).
- **2005 AD** – Jews living in the Gaza Strip were forcibly expelled from their homes to enable the transfer of Gaza to the Arab Muslims. After the transfer, the Arab Muslims proceeded to destroy and pillage all remnants of the former Jewish communities and eventually turned them into terrorist training camps and rocket launch sites leading to numerous wars.